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Oono of the school's Discipline Committee has fallen in love at first sight with the punk Take-chan. But what happens when Take-chan misinterprets his approach as a challenge and thinks Oono hates him...? Opposites attract in this innocent adolescent love story with an off-the-wall supporting cast of friends. ♥ Also includes the short story, "Public School Slackers Club," about a group of lazy boys who don't quite make a love triangle, plus a bonus story. ★

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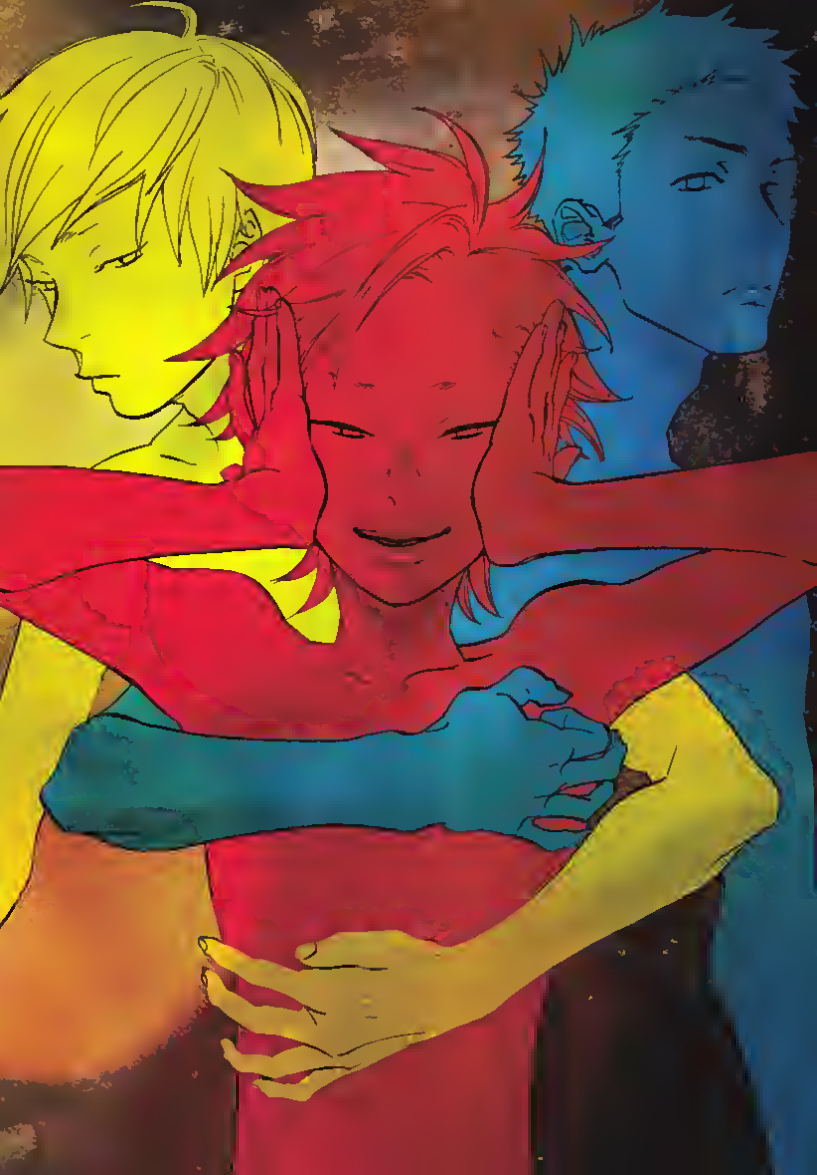

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アノコがして
なのさ

UGH! GUYS THESE DAYS WALK AROUND WEARING SUCH LAME CLOTHES
IT'S JUST PATHETIC!
BA
BAM
MEN SHOULD WEAR ONE THING, AND ONE THING ONLY!
A TRADITIONAL STIFF-COLLARED UNIFORM!

Mornin' dude!
Morning!
YOU'RE LOOKING AWFULLY THREATENING AGAIN TODAY
Sigh
Duh.
YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I PUT UP WITH ONCE I STEP OUT OF THE HOUSE
Hey, look!
IT'S TAKE-CHAN!
I'll shave my head bald as a monk once I get bored with it
My bad. ♡
Sorry, Take-chan
You don't like my bobby pins?
You look like a girl.
OKAY FINE
YASU
Huh?
BUT WHEN THE HECK ARE YOU GOING TO CUT YOUR HAIR?
I'M NOT TOO FOND OF KIYO'S BANGS AS IT IS
Heh. ♡

Blunt

GUYS SHOULD
WHEN IT COMES TO HAIR
DOOM
Uh-oh!
STICK TO AN UNDER-CUT!

You're the only one who can get past them!
You gotta help us Take-chan!
RIGHT!

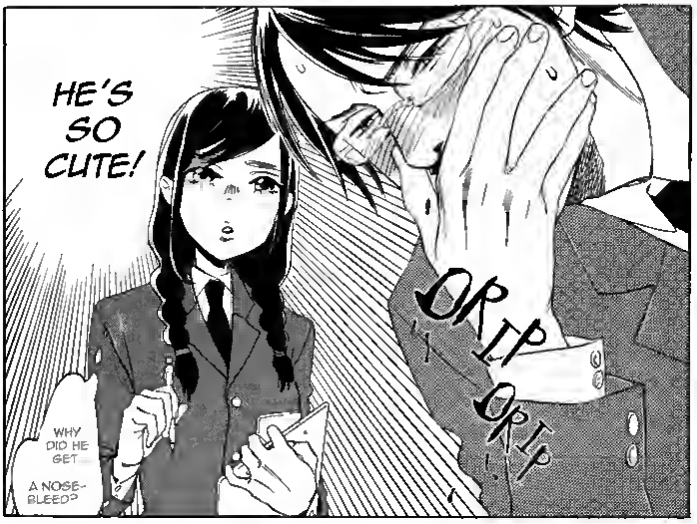
The Discipline Committee's doing a surprise search today!

I'LL HANDLE THE DISCIPLINE DWEEBS
LEAVE IT TO ME
Heh
Heh
Heh

BUT I GOT PLASTIC SURGERY!
He can see right through us!
Why is this happening?
How does he know?
BUT I'M NOT EVEN WEARING MAKE UP!
THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE HAS THIS ENTIRE SCHOOL FIGURED OUT!
CHECK
KANEMOTO OF CLASS 3-6 VIOLATION OF HAIR CODE
Oono
Tsubaki
CHECK
IZUTSU YOSHIDA OF CLASS 2-3 VIOLATION OF DRESS AND HAIR CODE
.....
CHECK
KINOSHITA TAKEWAKA OF CLASS 3-5
I HOPE PLASTIC SURGERY BECOMES ILLEGAL AT SCHOOL TOO SOMEDAY
Teehee
We heard that, Girl Scout!

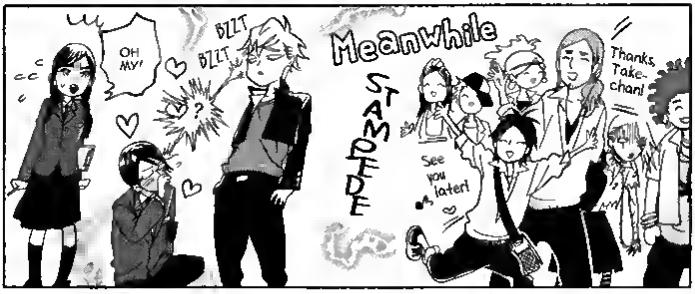
OONO-SAN?
?
.....
NO OONO-SAN! YOU MUSTN'T!
YOU HAVE TO MOVE ON!
THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER DELINQUENTS BESIDES HIM!
Oh!
IS IT HIM?
E—
BUT...
PLEASE, RESTRAIN YOURSELF
Oono
OONO-SAN!

SCUFF
SCUFF
IT S
TAKEUCHI...
UGH!
STAGGER
OONO-SAN?!


HE'S SO CUTE!
GRIP GRIP
WHY DID HE GET...
A NOSE-BLEED?

TAKE-UCHI...
huff
HEY, BOY SCOUT
YOU LOOK LIKE SHIT
SCUFF
OH!
!

PACK!


OH MY!
DZZT
DZZT
?
Meanwhile
STAMPEDE
See you later!
Thanks, Take-chan!

What's happening to me...?
I WAS SO DISTRACTED BY TAKEUCHI THAT I SHIRKED MY DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE DUTIES.
I'M A FAILURE AT DISCIPLINING!
sob
sob
sob
YOU—
WHAT'S A MISTAKE OR TWO? OR THREE?
YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT!
Or four or five...
SLUMP
NOT AGAIN

I CAN'T KEEP GOING LIKE THIS...!

HEY
nom
IT'S YO-SHIKO-CHAN

Oh, Take-
-uuchiii~!

PEACE GUYS?

THANKS A BUNCH!
THANKS TO YOU, I GOT PAST TODAY'S DISCIPLINE CHECK.
Down we go!
I can see your panties.
Shit squatting
WHAT?
YOU KINDA HAD IT COMING YOU'RE PRACTI-CALLY BURNT TO A CRISP
YEAH, WELL
Ha ha ha!
IT'S SO NOT FAIR!
THOSE JERKS TOTALLY CHEW ME OUT FOR MY TAN!
Grr!
Sure, I go to tanning salons. So what?
WHY DO THINK THE BOY SCOUT ALWAYS GOES SO EASY ON YOU, TAKE-CHAN?
OH! BY THE WAY

I HAVE NO IDEA.
.....
DON'T BE SO DENSE, TAKEUCHI
HAVE YOU SEEN THE WAY HE REACTS TO YOU?
HE EITHER TOTALLY HATES YOU, OR BY SOME WILD STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION LIKES YOU!
I JUST THOUGHT I WAS GIVING OFF SOME REALLY INTIMIDATING VIBES, MAN
WASN'T I?
Vibes?

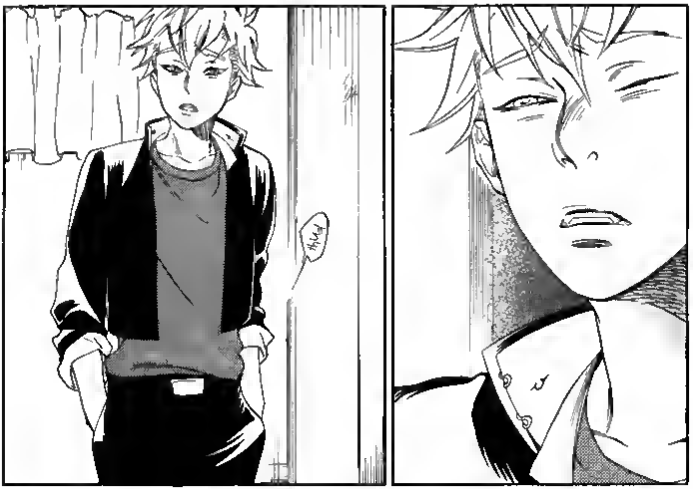
HE HATES ME...
plop
Don't worry!
KIYO
WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!
Zzz
No matter what the reason, it still hurts to find out that someone hates you...
SULK...
BUT SERIOUSLY, WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?
AS LONG AS HE DOESN'T TRY ANYTHING WHO CARES?
FOR A PUNK, TAKEUCHI, YOU SURE ARE SENSITIVE.
Wait a minute!

COULD I HAVE A MOMENT,
YEAH, TAKE-CHAN! SHE'S RIGHT!
DON'T SWEAT IT!
TAKEUCHI-SAN?

I'M SORRY FOR BARGING IN WHEN YOU WERE WITH YOUR FRIENDS
UH SURE
I DION'T KNOW
THAT YAMAGIWA-SAN WAS A CHILDHOOD FRIEND
OF YOURS

HOLD IT, MISSY! IF YOU SO MUCH AS TOUCH A HAIR ON TAKEUCHI'S HEAD, YOU'LL PAY FOR IT!
I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW
THAT WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS SINCE WE WERE KIDS!
SHE REALLY CARES ABOUT YOU
Cares about me?
BUT...

OONO-SAN'S IMPORTANT TO ME TOO.
WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS SINCE CHILDHOOD AS WELL.
RATTLE
PLEASE
I WANT
THE TWO OF YOU TO TALK IT OUT
TO-GETHER


Hmm

TAKEUCHI ?!

WHAT...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
.....
SO THIS GUY HATES ME HUH?
SHE SAID WE SHOULD TALK
LITTLE MISS GIRL SCOUT
LOOK I ALREADY KNOW
HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT ME
...

YEAH
SO THERE'S REALLY NOTHING LEFT TO SAY
YOU KNOW?

IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS NOW
FLAP
...!

I'VE FELT THIS WAY EVER SINCE I SAW YOU ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
...NO THAT HASN'T CHANGED IN ALL THIS TIME!

...THAT LONG, HUH?
WELL IF YOU HATE ME, THEN WHAT S IT MATTER—
HATE YOU?
?
SIGH

IF YOU'VE SAID YOUR PIECE, THEN I'M LEAVING.
SEE YA.
GRAB
!
TAKEUCHI, I THINK YOU HAVE THE WRONG IDEA.
WHAT?
I AIN'T IN THE MOOD TO TALK!
GIVE A BREAK ALREADY, YOU ASS-HOLE!

WAIT!
I LIKE YOU!
TAKE-UCHI!
BLUSH
...!
I LIKE YOU

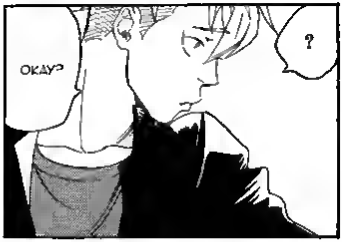
...HIM?
YOU LIKE...
I HOPE TAKEUCHI
IS ALL RIGHT

THAT'S IT?
THEN
THAT'S FINE
drop
HUH?
HM?
IS THERE A PROBLEM?
NOT REALLY A "PROBLEM" PER SE...
I'M JUST WONDERING IF YOU'LL RETURN MY FEELINGS

WA—
WANT YOU TO DO?!
TAKE-UCHI?!
IS THERE SOMETHING YOU LIKE WANT ME TO DO, BOY SCOUT?
?
I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT TO SAY TO THAT

LIKE A VIRGIN
blush
AND HANG OUT...
AND HOLD HANDS...
I WANT TO BE FRIENDS, OF COURSE
WELL

MY HAND
HERE YA GO...


OKAY?
?

Barus!

In the Ghibli film "Laputa: Castle in the Sky" Sheeta and Pazu recite the spell of destruction "barus" while holding hands in a manner very similar to the pose we see our two characters in here

WHAT DO I WANT...
TO DO?
WHAT ELSE DO YOU WANT TO DO?
...DO...
WHAT I WANT TO...

RATTLE
BADUMP
MAYBE YOU TWO COULD WALK HOME TOGETHER!
LONG ENOUGH. ♡
Noooo!
BANG
Right there?
You were.
Well? ♡
Oono-san?
How long were you
There for ?

↑ Balding

HOLD IT, HOLD IT, HOLD IT!
Ho ho
DOING HERE?!
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS
WHAT THE HELL?!

FOOLS RUSH IN, IN LOVE

AND WE HELD HANDS EARLIER

...!

Whaaaaat?

END

I, like, Love, um, You, and stuff

I, like, Love, um, You, and Stuff

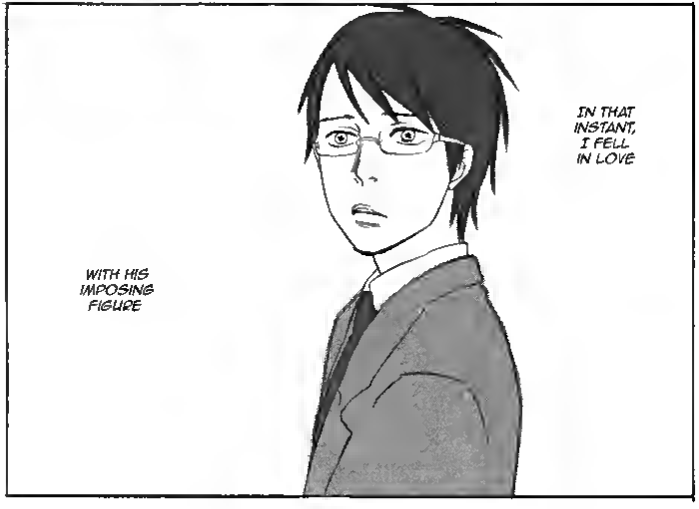
I Love You and stuff
俺がヒロインして
なのさ

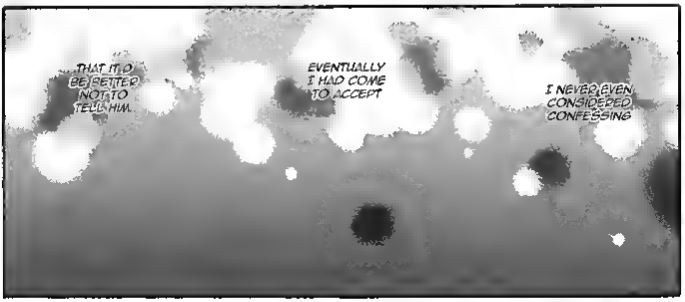
STEP 1: HOLD HANDS
THAT'S ONE
DOWN
STEP 2: KISS
EEK
FORGET ABOUT THE STEPS

I'M ACTUALLY FRIENDS WITH TAKEUCHI!
BUM BUM BUUUM
DEAR GOD!
THIS HAS TO BE A MIRACLE!

I'VE HAD A CRUSH ON HIM FOR SO LONG.
ALWAYS YEARNING.
SILENTLY

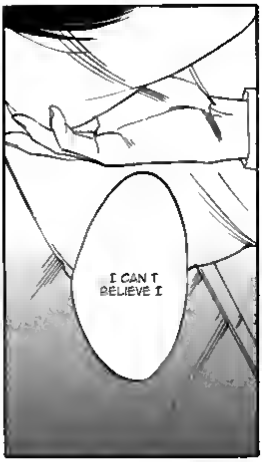
Siiigh
TELL ME
I'M NOT DREAMING


IN THAT INSTANT, I FELL IN LOVE
WITH HIS IMPOSING FIGURE


THAT IT'D BE BETTER NOT TO TELL HIM.
EVENTUALLY I HAD COME TO ACCEPT
I NEVER EVEN CONSIDERED CONFESSING

BUT THAT ALL CHANGED.

ME, OF ALL PEOPLE
ACTUALLY TOLD HIM HOW I FEEL


I CAN'T BELIEVE I

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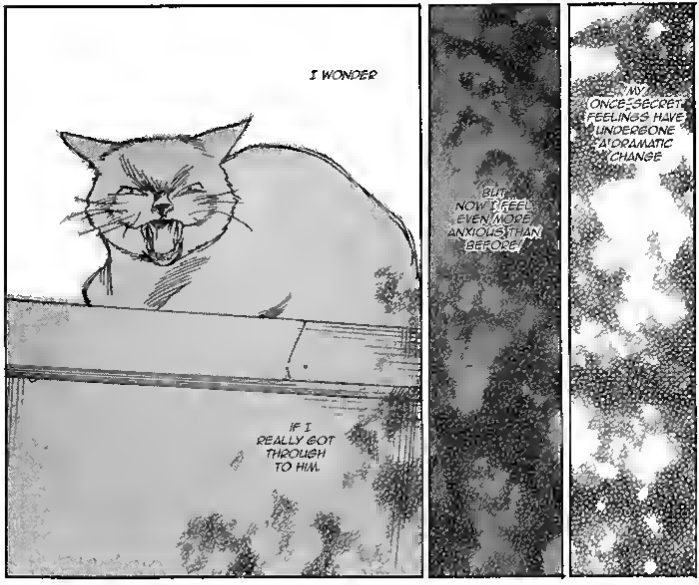
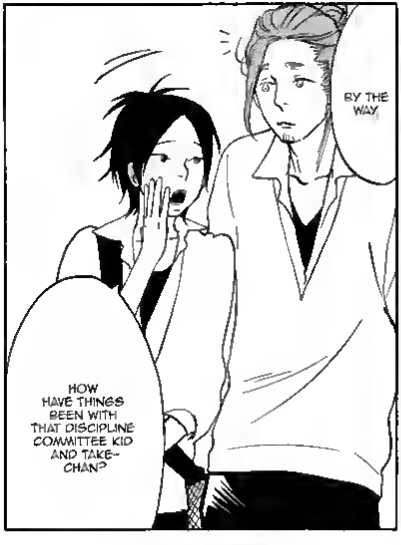
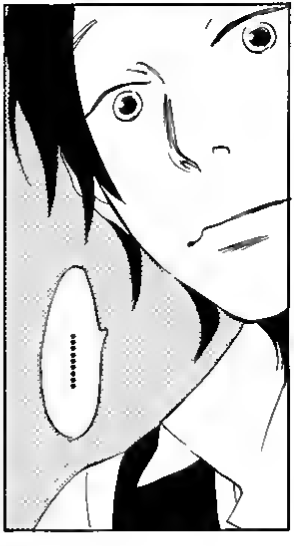

I WONDER
IF I REALLY GOT THROUGH TO HIM.
BUT NOW I FEEL EVEN MORE ANXIOUS THAN BEFORE.
MY (ONCE) SECRET FEELINGS HAVE UNDERGONE A DRAMATIC CHANGE

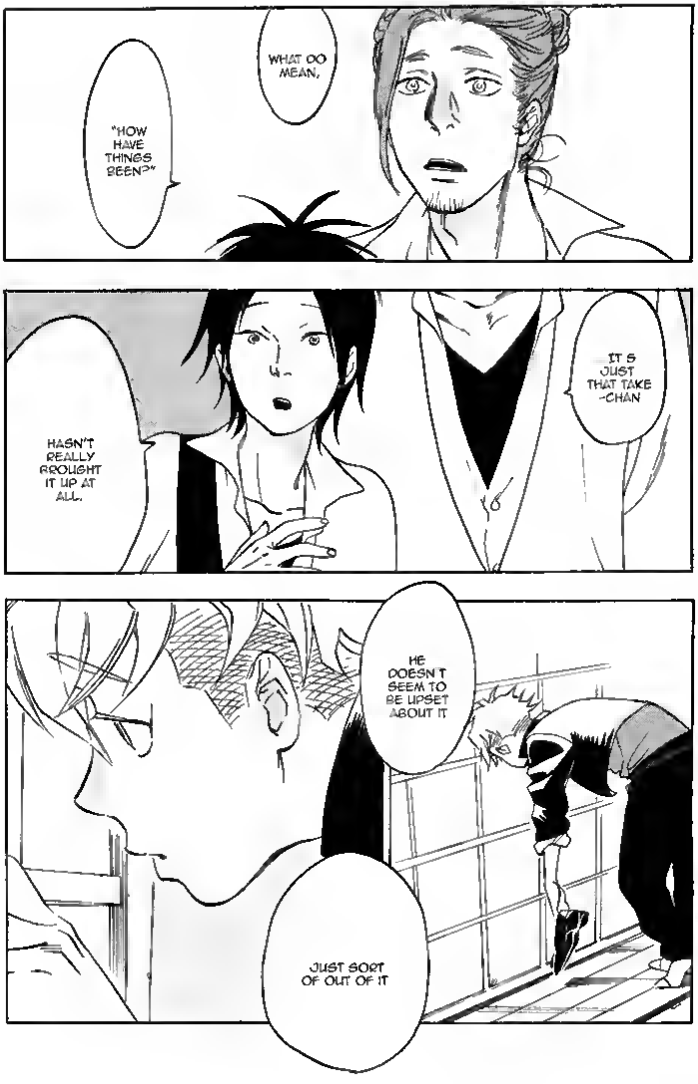
hiss
RUMBBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
I'M SURE IT JUST HAPPENED TO LOOK AT YOU
It doesn't mean anything.
GIVE IT A REST ALREADY, TAKE-CHAN

Yup, yup!
It was just a cat, thought
Whew...
I GOT INTO A FIGHT AND IT'S NOT EVEN NOON YET

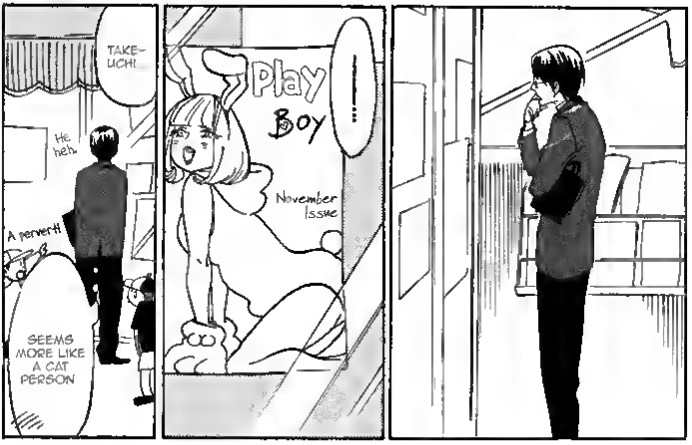
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT


BY THE WAY
HOW HAVE THINGS BEEN WITH THAT DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE KID AND TAKE-CHAN?




WHAT DO MEAN,
"HOW HAVE THINGS BEEN?"
IT'S JUST THAT TAKE-CHAN
HASN'T REALLY BROUGHT IT UP AT ALL.
HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE UPSET ABOUT IT
JUST SORT OF OUT OF IT

I KINDA FEEL SORRY FOR THE BOY SCOUT
RUSTLE


TAKE-UCHI...
He heh.
A pervert!
SEEMS MORE LIKE A CAT PERSON
Play Boy
November Issue
!

OONO-SAN?
.....
!!!
JOLT
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
?
YOU'RE GOING TO BE LATE IF YOU DON'T HURRY
I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT GETTING A NEW WORKBOOK
Ahem!
OH
NOTHING
Ha ha ha.

LOOK AT THE TIME!
THE BELL'S ABOUT TO RING!
YOU'D BETTER GET GOING, TSUBAKI!
BUT THE BOOKSTORE DOESN'T OPEN UNTIL TEN
...
I'M RIDING MY BIKE TO SCHOOL TODAY
WOULD YOU LIKE TO RIDE ON THE BACK?
UH NO...
THAT'S A TRAFFIC VIOLATION
OH? I DIDN'T KNOW
SEE YOU LATER, THEN
Smile
I'LL BE HEADING OUT NOW

DING
DONG
DING
DONG
OH
...I'VE NEVER BEEN LATE IN MY ENTIRE LIFE
...THIS IS JUST GREAT...

I FINALLY ASK HIM OUT
AND NOW I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW I'LL FACE HIM AGAIN...

YOU TALKIN' 'BOUT TAKE-UCHI?
!

HMM

Look who's talking!
YAMA-GIWA-SAN
YOU'RE LATE FOR CLASS
STOMP
SLURP
...SHOCK-ING.
I DIDN'T THINK YOU ACTUALLY HAD A HEART
LISTEN TAKEUCHI MAY LOOK DUMB,
BUT HE KNOWS A THING OR TWO
EVEN WHEN IT COMES TO YOU

LOOKS LIKE HE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO'S CLUELESS
clunk
DIDN'T YOU ASK HIM OUT SO THAT YOU COULD FIX THAT?
FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD
BUT TO HIM,
I'M JUST A MEMBER OF THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE WHO CHECKS PEOPLE'S UNIFORMS AT THE FRONT GATE
I'VE GOT AN IDEA!
twirl
YOU NEED TO TALK THINGS OUT WITH TAKEUCHI
I'LL CALL HIM NOW
CALL HIM? BUT HOW?
Heh heh heh.
HOW ELSE?
TELE-PATHI-CALLY.

*Takeuchi doesn't have a phone

?
?
WHAT'S THE MATTER, TAKE-CHAN?
AND I NEVER RUN FROM A FIGHT!
DASH
WHAT?
SOMEONE S...
CHALLENG-ING ME TO A FIGHT!
I DION T KNOW THAT TAKE-CHAN
HAD ESP

Ready for a fight

IT WAS HIM.
I'M NOT ACTUALLY THE ONE WHO WANTED TO TALK TO YOU
BOY SCOUT, IS THAT YOU?
...HUH?
Teehee! ♡

.....
SO WHAT'D YOU WANT?
OH!
ER... WELL...
I JUST
UM...
BADUMP
BA
DUMP
BA
BADU
OH, CRAP!
I'M SO NERVOUS!

REMEMBER HOW I SAID I LIKE YOU?
I THOUGHT THAT I D GOTTEN MY FEELINGS ACROSS, BUT...
NOW I CAN'T STOP WORRYING
YOU FEEL SO DISTANT...
.....
EVEN NOW?
BUT I M SITTING RIGHT NEXT TO YOU
YOU'RE WEIRD

YOU CAN'T SEE MATTERS OF THE HEART
THAT'S WHY I'M SO UNCERTAIN

TAKEUCHI

ON THE ONE HAND, I WANT TO KNOW EVERYTHING YOU FEEL BECAUSE I LIKE YOU
BUT AT THE SAME TIME I'M SCARED OF WHAT I MAY FIND

MAYBE I REALLY AM WEIRD

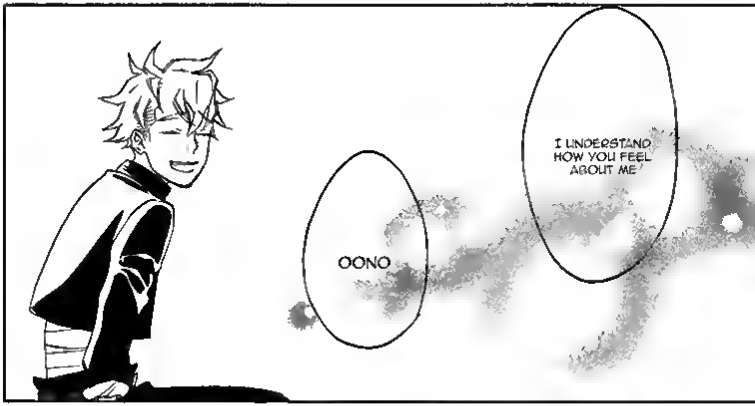
...!
WHEN YOU...
LOOK ME RIGHT IN THE EYE. I GET THE FEELING YOU WANT TO FIGHT ME.
It's instinct
GRUMMMBLE
WHAT?!
...
SWISH
I DIDN'T MEAN TO!

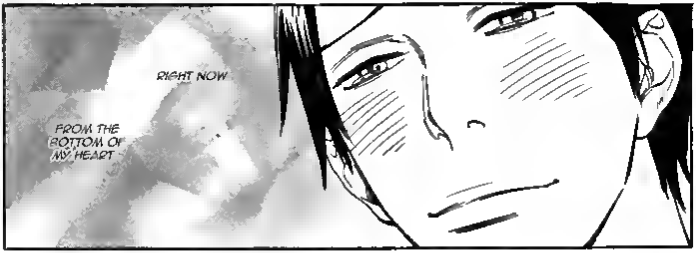
WHAT A MESS...
THEY SAY TO NEVER LOOK A MONKEY IN THE EYE...
AS MUCH AS I HATE TO COMPARE YOU TO AN APE...

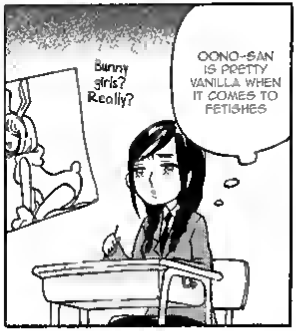
FEEL ANY BETTER?
OR NOT?
TAKE...
UCHI?

I WAS SO HAPPY
SO WHEN I FOUND OUT THAT YOU LIKE ME
I THOUGHT FOR YOU SURE YOU HATED ME ALL THIS TIME,

IT'S OKAY
.....







I'M GLAD THAT I FELL FOR TAKEUCHI

I'M REALLY HAPPY

END

I, like, Love, um, You, and stuff

I, like, Love, um, You, and stuff

I Love um You

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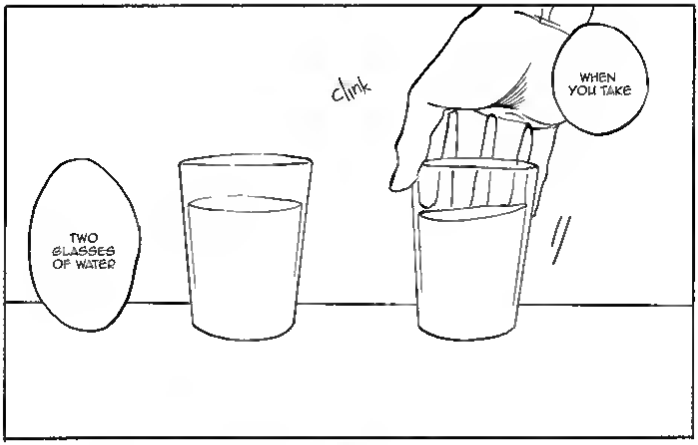
なのさ


TWO GLASSES OF WATER
clink
WHEN YOU TAKE

SINCE THE HUMAN BODY IS MADE UP OF 80% WATER
AND PUT THEM SIDE-BY-SIDE THEY INFLUENCE EACH OTHER

...PEOPLE INFLUENCE EACH OTHER TOO.
WOW
THAT'S PRETTY NEAT
HM
I THINK SO!
DOES IT WORK WITH ANIMALS TOO?
MAYBE THAT'S WHY THEY SAY PETS AND THEIR OWNERS RESEMBLE EACH OTHER.
It's almost creepy how similar Yoshiko and her cat are.
HAHA.
MAYBE SO

OF COURSE
DO YOU THINK IT'S LIKE THAT WITH US TOO?
I CAN'T TELL
WHICH WAY WOULD BE WEIRDER
imagination
HMM.
YOU'RE RIGHT
MAYBE WE'LL BE
MORE ALIKE ON THE INSIDE

peek
SNEAK
sweat

...I CAN'T DO IT.
UGH...

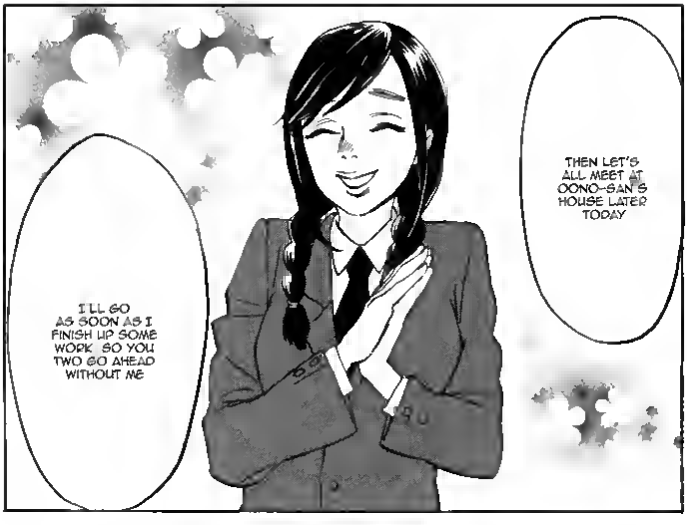
HE'S ALL I'VE EVER WANTED.
I'VE HAD A CRUSH ON HIM FOR SO LONG

WHAT DID I EXPECT?

TO ME, TAKEUCHI IS...
AN ANGEL ...!
NOOO!
I CAN JUST REACH OUT AND TOUCH! OH, GOD!
?
HE'S NOT SOMEONE

BUT I CAN'T DENY MY URGE
TO WANT TO TOUCH HIM.
.....
Sneak
POOR OONO-SAN
I CAN READ YOU
LIKE AN OPEN BOOK...
want to touch

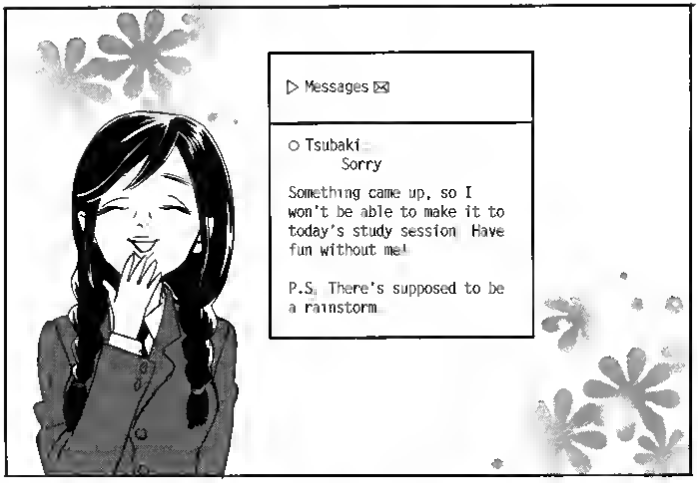
DING
OONO-SAN
TAKEUCHI-SAN
!
IN ORDER TO BEST PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK'S TEST,
WHAT DO YOU SAY WE FORM A STUDY GROUP?
DOESN'T THAT SOUND LIKE A GOOD IDEA
grin
OONO-SAN?
UH...
YEAH


I'LL GO AS SOON AS I FINISH UP SOME WORK SO YOU TWO GO AHEAD WITHOUT ME
THEN LET'S ALL MEET AT OONO-SAN'S HOUSE LATER TODAY

SPEECHLESS
...?
SURE

.....
STARE
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?
My bookshelf?
WHAT IS IT, TAKEUCHI?
HAVE YOU READ ALL OF THESE BOOKS?
THAT'S PRETTY AMAZING

IT'S NO WONDER YOU KNOW EVERY-THING
NOT EVERY-THING
I'VE ENJOYED READING SINCE I WAS A KID.
OH
YUP!
Haah...
!
RING RING RING
Mail
Tsubaki

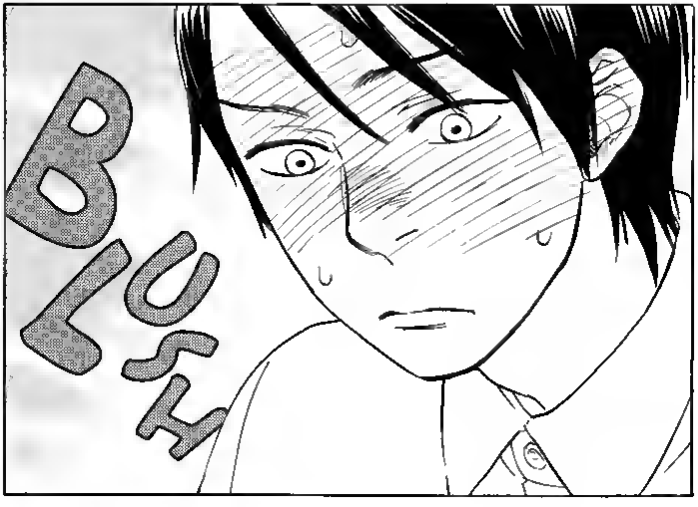

▷ Messages ✉
○ Tsubaki
Sorry
Something came up, so I won't be able to make it to today's study session. Have fun without me!
P.S. There's supposed to be a rainstorm.

won't be
today's study
fun without me!
P.S. There's supposed to be a rainstorm.
LOOKS LIKE TSUBAKI WON'T BE JOINING US
A RAIN-STORM?
BUT THERE'S NOT A CLOUD IN THE—
sudden
downpour

WHOA
IT LOOKS REALLY BAD
I DON'T WANNA GO HOME IN THAT
Huh?
WHY DON'T YOU SLEEP OVER? I'LL ASK MY PARENTS
OH!
WELL, TOMORROW ISN'T A SCHOOL DAY
Here
YOU CAN CALL YOUR PARENTS
THANKS
MHM
HUH?
REALLY?

FREEZE
OH
HI IT'S ME I'M GOING TO STAY AT A FRIEND'S PLACE TONIGHT
NOW, THEN
FIRST WE'LL REVIEW THIS BOOK
AND THEN

JUST THE TWO OF US
JUST THE TWO OF US
WE'RE SPENDING THE NIGHT TOGETHER
HE'S SLEEPING OVER
IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US
TSUYOKI ISN'T COMING


BUSH

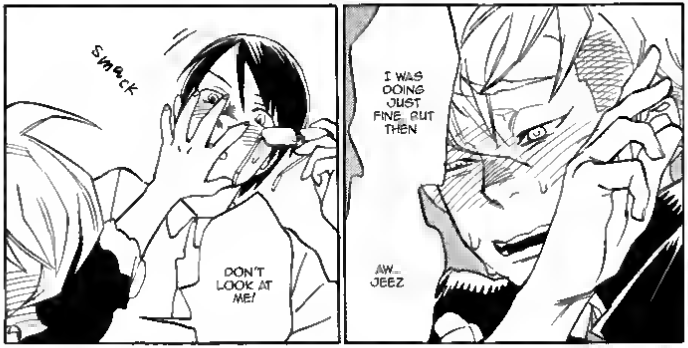
-GUH!
HUH?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR FACE?
HEY, OONO?
THANKS AGAIN FOR THE PHONE

STUDY!
LET'S JUST STUDY!
N-NO-THING!
UH OKAY
Rain
Pshh
Pshhh
Pshhh
Phew.
THANK-GOOD-NESS
I FEEL MUCH CALMER LOOKING AT MATH FORMU-LAS
scritch
scritch
scritch scritch scritch scritch scritch

WHAT IS IT, TAKEUCHI? LET ME KNOW IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU'RE NOT GETTING
CLACK
?
?

BLUSH
YOU'RE HAVING!
AN EFFECT ON ME!
TAKEU—
—!

"PEOPLE INFLUENCE EACH OTHER TOO"
WHAT YOU SAID THIS MORNING ABOUT THE WATER
IS THIS WHAT YOU MEANT?

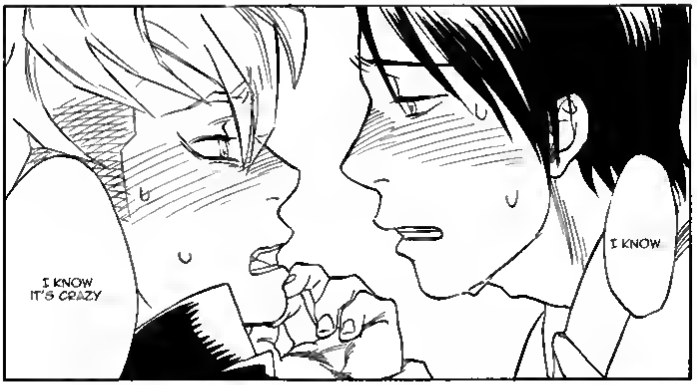

SMACK
DON'T LOOK AT ME!
I WAS DOING JUST FINE BUT THEN
AW... JEEZ

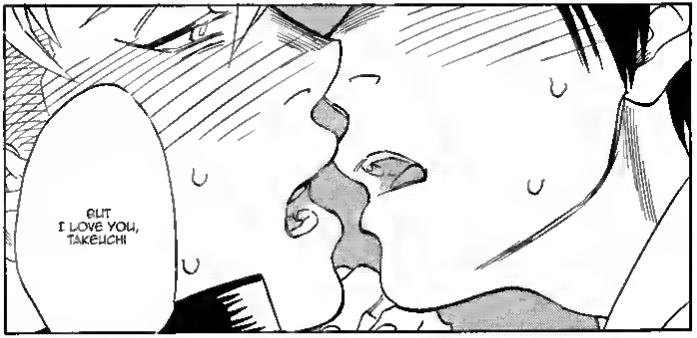
BLUSH

LOOK AT ME
DON T
TAKEUCHI
YOU JERK

BA DUMP
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT
tre mble
OH WHAT DO I DO NOW?
I M SO HAPPY!
I NEVER THOUGHT TAKEUCHI COULD LOOK LIKE THAT!

IT'S JUST!
WHAT ARE YOU SMILING ABOUT?
I FEEL LIKE I'M DREAM-ING!
SEEING YOU MAKE THAT EXPRESSION
THAT'S THE CRAZIEST THING I'VE EVER—

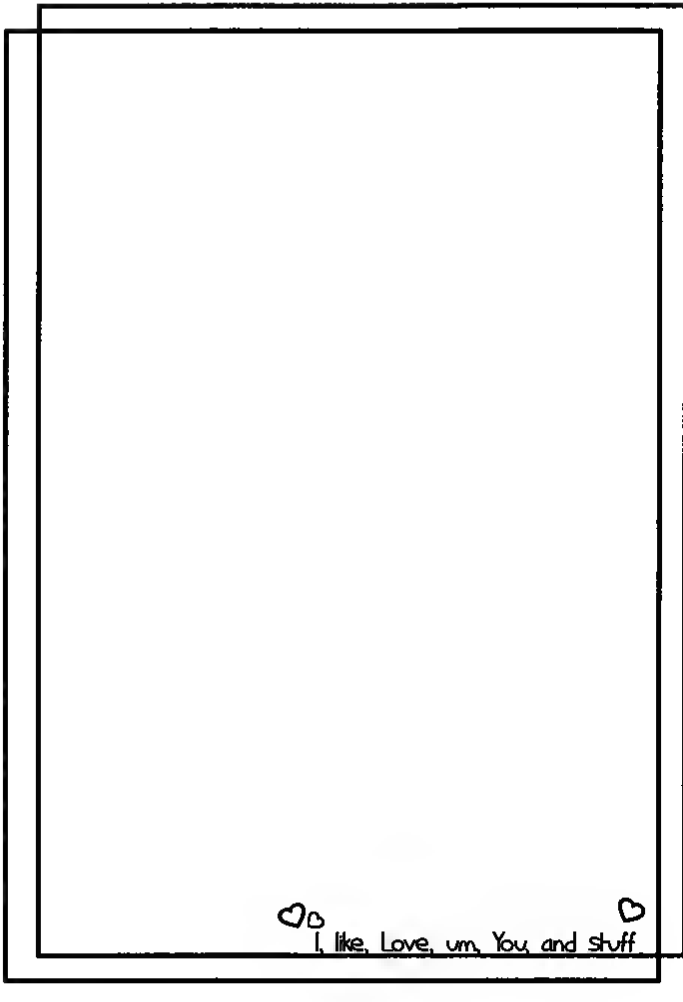

I KNOW IT'S CRAZY
I KNOW


BUT I LOVE YOU, TAKEUCHI

MORE THAN I CAN STAND

END

I, like, Love, um, You, and stuff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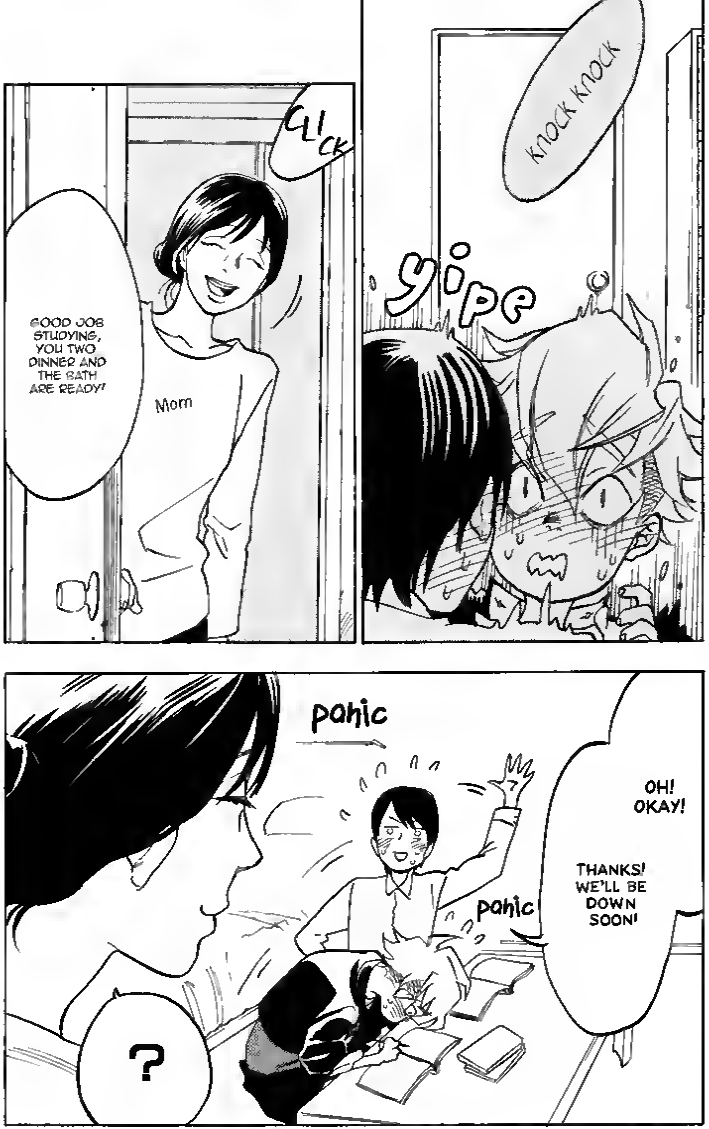
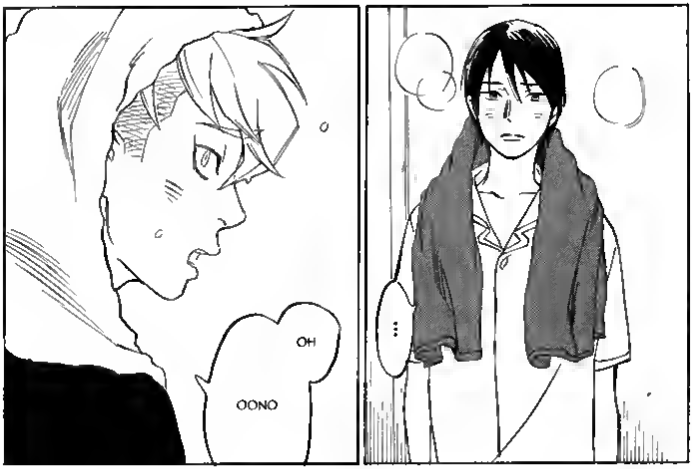
アイが
して
I Love you
なのさ

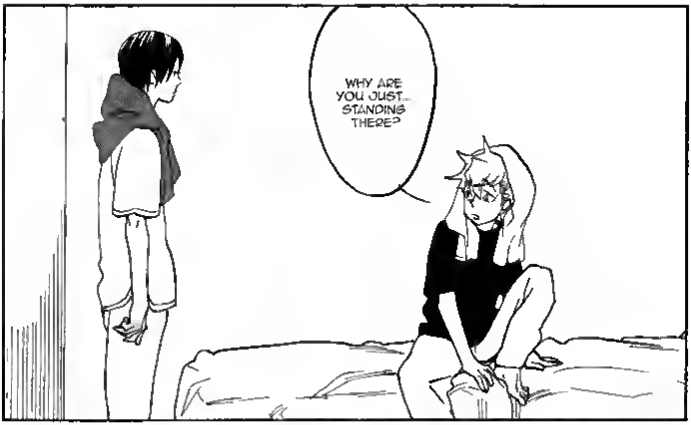
NN-
AH!


KNOCK KNOCK
yipe
CLICK
Mom
GOOD JOB STUDYING, YOU TWO. DINNER AND THE BATH ARE READY!
panic
panic
?
OH! OKAY!
THANKS! WE'LL BE DOWN SOON!

PSSSHHH

SQUEAK

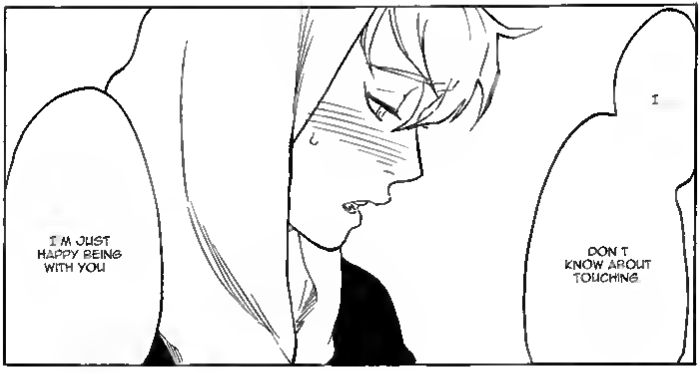

OH
OONO
...

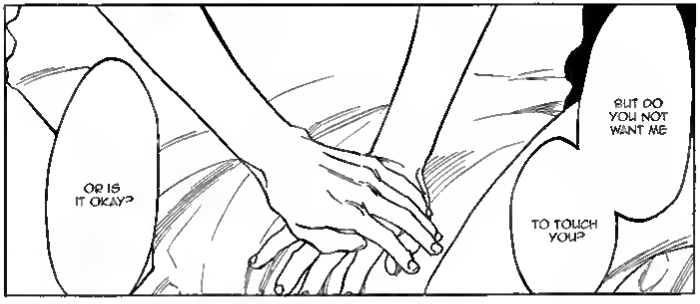

WHY ARE YOU JUST... STANDING THERE?

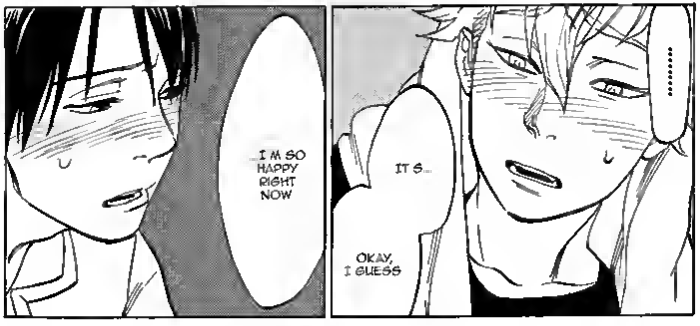
I
.....

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR SO LONG
I'VE WANTED TO TOUCH YOU FOR A LONG TIME NOW, TAKEUCHI

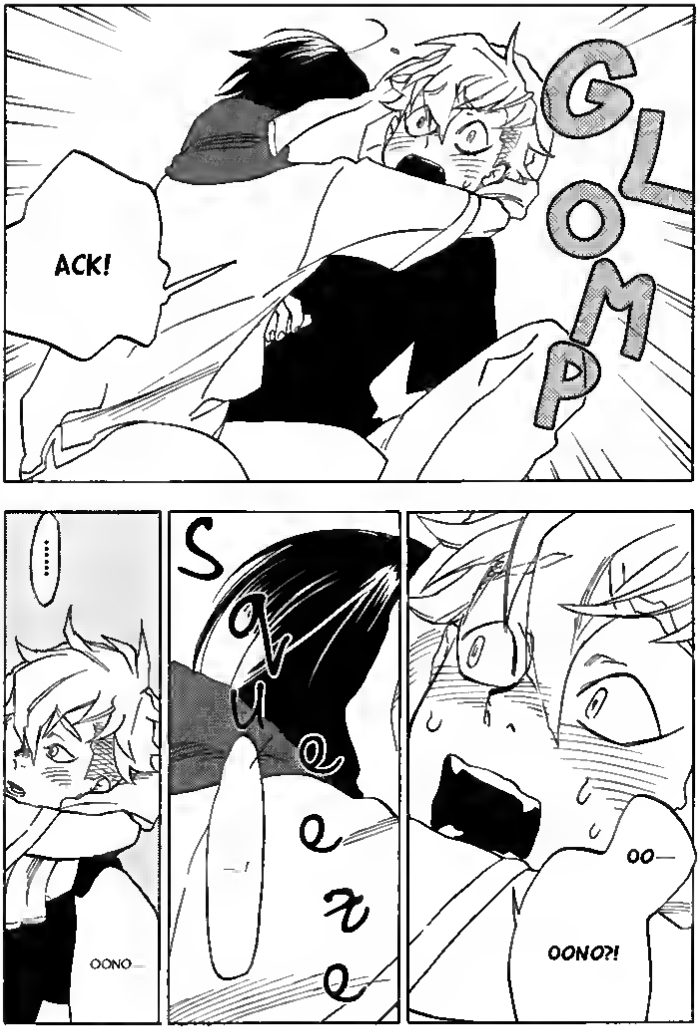
I...
I KNOW...
ER...
bru-h
AM I THE ONLY ONE?
HOW DO YOU FEEL?

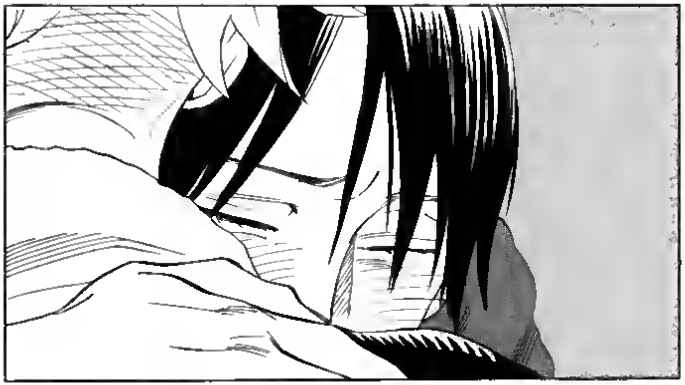

I
DON'T KNOW ABOUT TOUCHING
I'M JUST HAPPY BEING WITH YOU


BUT DO YOU NOT WANT ME
TO TOUCH YOU?
OR IS IT OKAY?

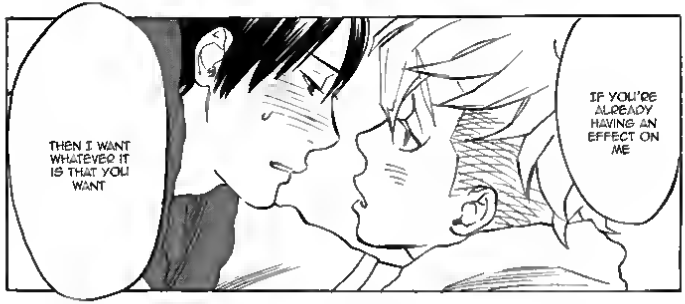

I'M SO HAPPY RIGHT NOW
IT'S...
OKAY, I GUESS
.....

...
...TOO
ME


ACK!
GLOMP
.....
OONO—
Squeeze
OO—
OONO?!



Pat
pat
OONO.


IF YOU'RE ALREADY HAVING AN EFFECT ON ME
THEN I WANT WHATEVER IT IS THAT YOU WANT

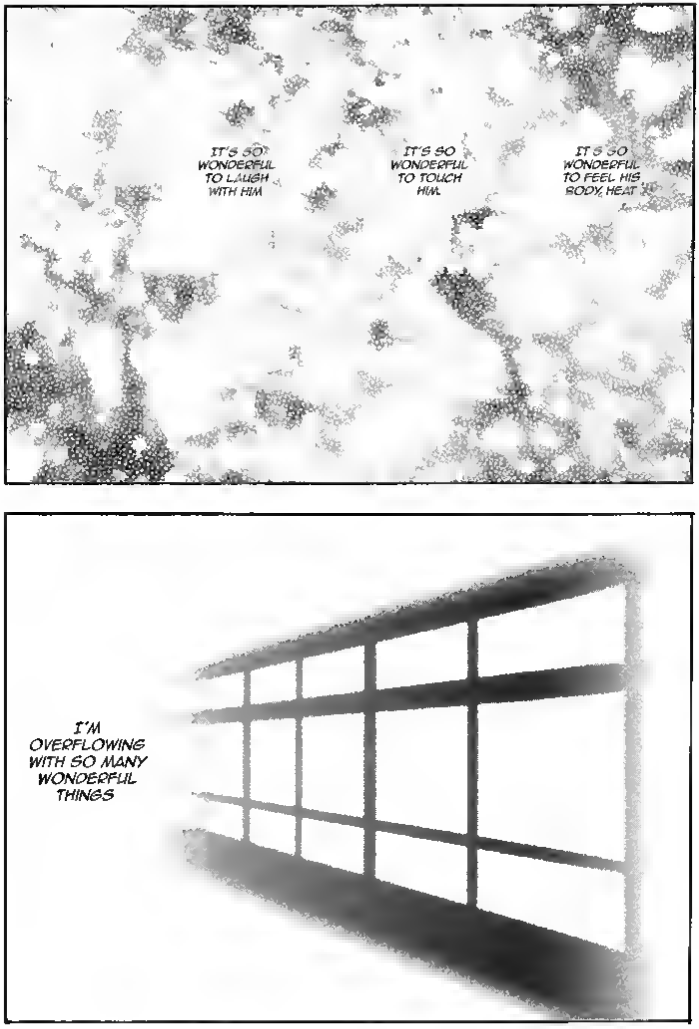
AH, PLEASE!
EVEN IF THAT MEANS KISSING?
Maybe?
kiss
YOU DON'T HAVE TO ASK...
!!!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!
BLUSH
SO EMBARRASSED!
I'M SO SO
OMIGOD!
BUT
LOOK, YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE
I'LL STOP
IF YOU DON'T WANT THIS,

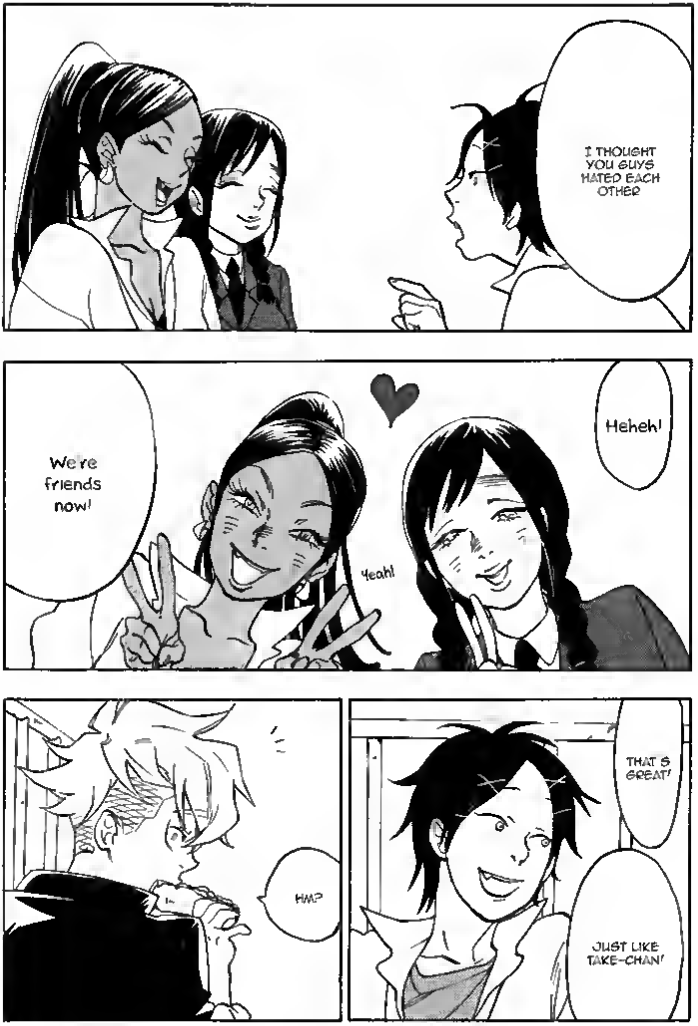
I CAN HANDLE IT!
Oh.
FLING
DON'T YOU DARE UNDER-ESTIMATE THIS PUNK!
Phew
SHUT IT
YOU'RE SO TOUGH, TAKEUCHI
TAKEUCHI.
I LOVE YOU,

chirp
tweet
tweet
blink
...
zzz..
zzz..

rustle
TAKEUCHI?
GOOD MORNING
IT'S SO WONDERFUL TO SEE YOUR LOVER SLEEPING
blink


IT'S SO WONDERFUL TO LAUGH WITH HIM
IT'S SO WONDERFUL TO TOUCH HIM.
IT'S SO WONDERFUL TO FEEL HIS BODY HEAT
I'M OVERFLOWING WITH SO MANY WONDERFUL THINGS

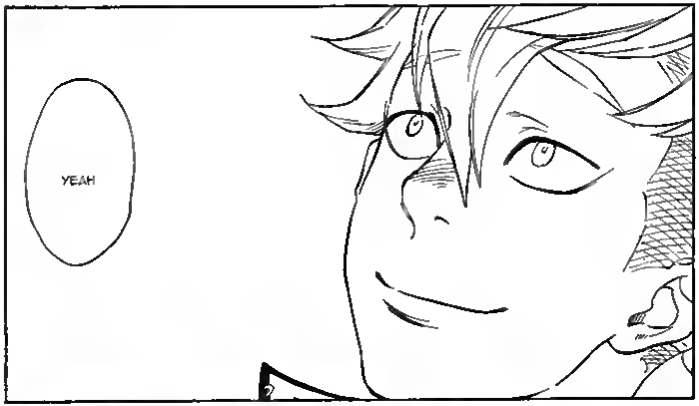
'Sup, guys?
LET'S HAVE LUNCH TOGETHER!
HUH?


I THOUGHT YOU GUYS HATED EACH OTHER
Heheh!
We're friends now!
Yeah!
HM?
THAT'S GREAT!
JUST LIKE TAKE-CHAN!

YOINK
OH!
TSURAKI'S HERE TOO?
Ha ha ha!
The whole gang's here!
Yippee!
We should all go to the zoo!
Whee!
Great idea!
Yay!

IT'S SO QUIET AND CALM.
HAA.
YEAH

I HOPE WE ALWAYS GET TO BE TOGETHER LIKE THIS.


YEAH

...NO WITH THAT
LITTLE PRAYER...

NEVER, EVER.
AND NEVER LET GO OF EACH OTHER
WE'LL SAY IT AGAIN AND AGAIN.

END

I, like, Love, um, You, and stuff

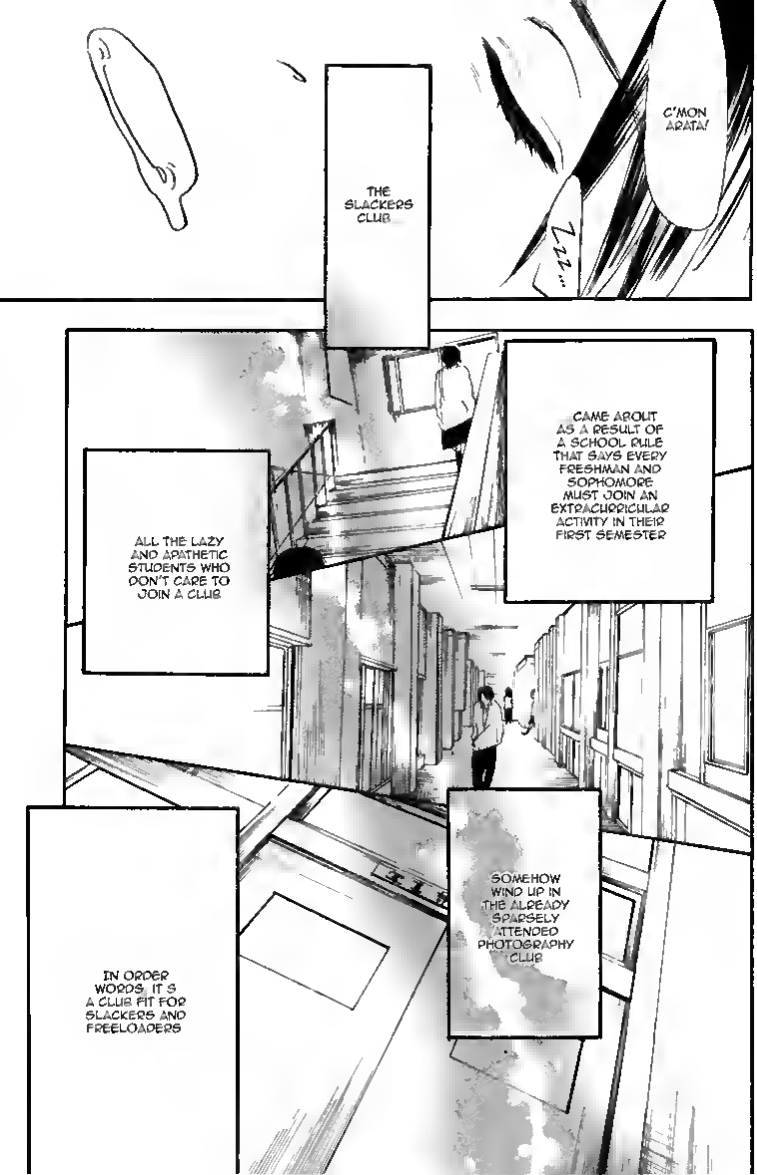
I, like, Love, um, You, and stuff

DING DONG DING DONG
AFTER SCHOOL
APATA!
clatter
clatter
Public School Slackers Club
MMWAH?
...
sigh
ARE YOU GOING TO THE CLUB ROOM TODAY?
clatch
thud
AUGH
WHAT A HASSLE!

Public School Slackers Club

しりつこうこう へたれぶ

YOU'RE REALLY
It's like they say "In spring one sleeps a sleep that knows no dawn."
Plop
I'm just so tiiired!
THE PERFECT POSTER CHILD FOR THE SLACKERS CLUB


C'MON ARATA!
Zzz...
THE SLACKERS CLUB
CAME ABOUT AS A RESULT OF A SCHOOL RULE THAT SAYS EVERY FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE MUST JOIN AN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY IN THEIR FIRST SEMESTER
ALL THE LAZY AND APATHETIC STUDENTS WHO DON'T CARE TO JOIN A CLUB
SOMEHOW WIND UP IN THE ALREADY SPARSELY ATTENDED PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB
IN ORDER WORDS, IT'S A CLUB FIT FOR SLACKERS AND FREELOADERS

Grinning ear to ear

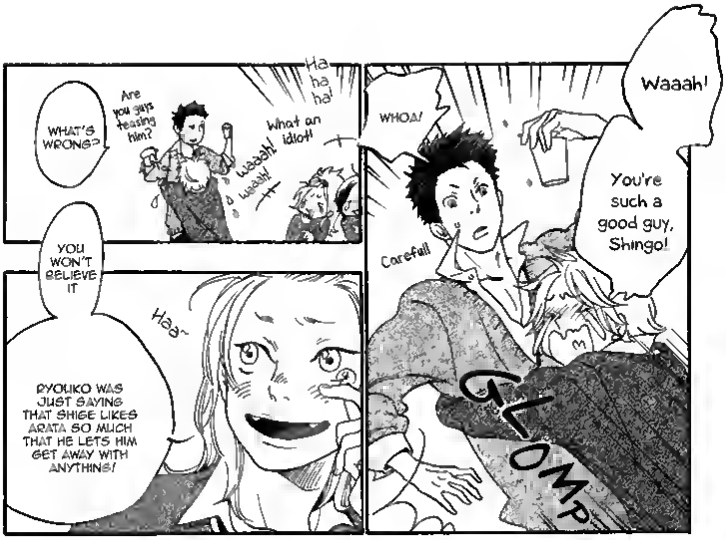
BUT...
I WAS HERE JUST TWO DAYS AGO
I'm sorta surprised.
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE YOU WERE SLEEPING THE WHOLE TIME
I bet.
He only notices things that are moving.
HUH?
THIS IS THE STORY OF TSUCHIYA ARATA
AND
HIS GOOD FRIEND, MIWA SHIGESADA
Arata
Shige
ALONG WITH
THEIR AMUSING FRIENDS
Doctor
TOGETHER... THEY TELL AN ABSURD STORY
Shingo The Top Slacker!
No. 1 Player Ken
Ryouko Ayapi

Huh?
Yup!
WHY YOU CALLED FOR A CLUB MEETING TODAY? TO FILL OUT THIS FORM?
What?
Really?
That's it!
Ken, you idiot!
Club Survey
KEN
IS THIS
OR DO THEY?
NAME
JUNIOR HIGH
BLOOD TYPE
SEX YEAR CLASS
SIGN
WHAT'S IT EVEN FOR?
Hmm
A CLUB SURVEY HUH...?
Club Survey
scratch scratch
LIKES
OH

ta-da
1. Sleep
2. REM sleep ta-da
3. Non-REM sleep
ta-daaa!
There aren't any teachers here.
Yippee!
All finished, sensei!
That was fast
WHAT A DUMB QUESTION.
LIKES. HUH?
SLEEP
REM SLEEP
AND NON-REM SLEEP?
!
WHAT THE HELL? THESE ARE ALL ABOUT SLEEPING
IT'S TRUE
TO BE FRANK, TSUCHIYA ARATA
SPOOKY
Not like he has any trouble being frank.
LOVES SLEEP MORE THAN ANYTHING IN THE WORLD!
SHIGE?

YOU COULD EVEN SAY THAT...
HE'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO SLEEP.
...HE'LL WORK HIS BUTT OFF TO SLEEP...
WELL I GUESS I CAN UNDERSTAND, COMING FROM YOU...
That doesn't quite make sense
Good. Then it's done
thud
SELF-SATIS-FIED
PFFT!
WHAT AN IDIOT
ZZZ...
Sleep-ing?!
Oh!

See that? It's Shige's awkward smile!
HE ONLY USES IT AROUND ARATA.
Hm?
THEY WENT TO JUNIOR HIGH TOGETHER.
Oh.
WHY ARE THOSE TWO SUCH GOOD FRIENDS, ANYWAY?
But don't you think
Mm-hm!
Yes! I know exactly what you mean!
I wish he'd smile at me like that sometime. ♡
What are you guys talking about~?
OH
AH
JUST ABOUT "WHAT IFS."
WELL, IF YOU'RE LEAVING EVERYTHING TO CHANCE
WHAT'LL IT BE TODAY?
Do it
What if?


WHAT'S WRONG?
Are you guys teasing him?
Waaah! Waaah!
What an idiot!
Ha ha ha!
WHOA!
Careful!
Waaah!
You're such a good guy, Shingo!
GLOMP
YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT
PYOUKO WAS JUST SAYING THAT SHIGE LIKES ARATA SO MUCH THAT HE LETS HIM GET AWAY WITH ANYTHING!
Haa~

HM?

Hm..?
Right?
He kinda twisted our words.

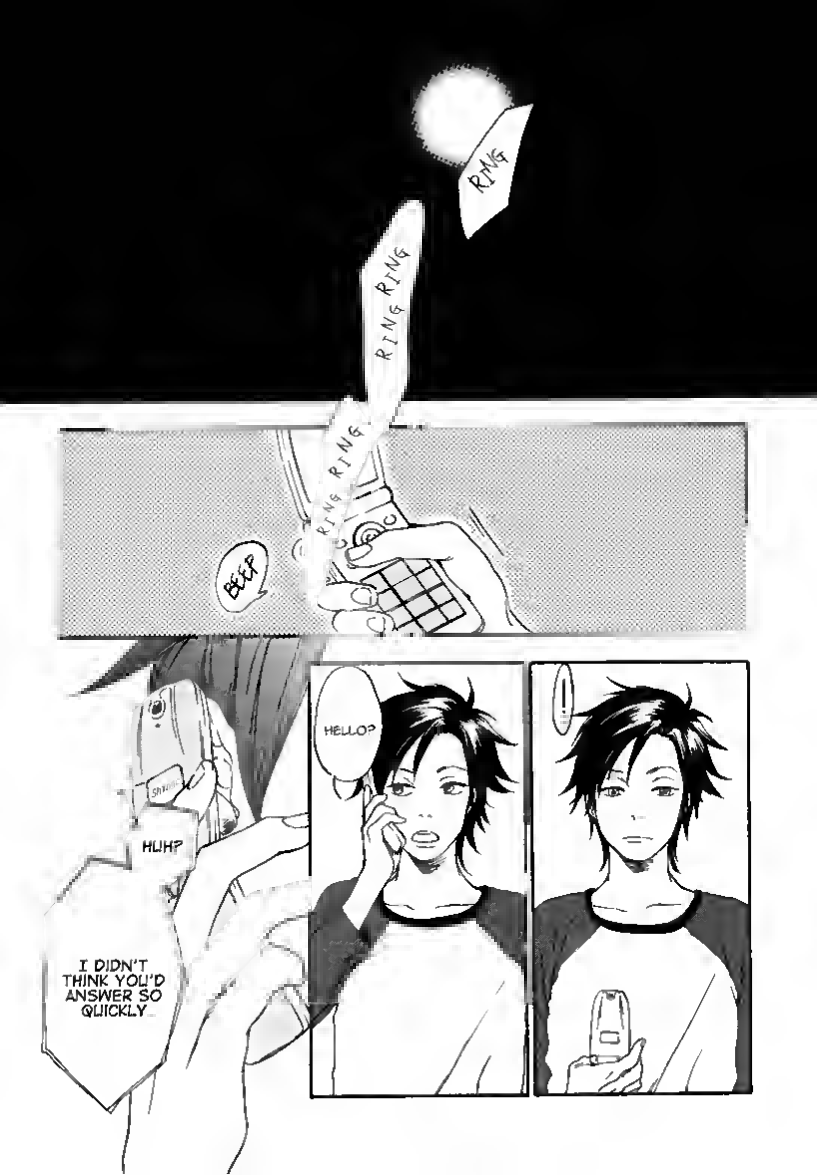
PEOPLE START ACTING LIKE THEY'RE IN LOVE
THEY START LOOKING AT EACH OTHER DIFFER-ENTLY
THERE'S SOMETHING
SO STRANGE ABOUT SPRING
GOOD GRIEF
THEY'RE ALWAYS READY TO RUN
AND THEY FEEL TIRED ALL THE TIME
WHAT'S A GUY TO DO?
PATA?
ARATA

ARATA!
MM?
OOPS
I FELL ASLEEP
As usual
WHERE'S SHIISE?
BATH-ROOM
.....
power on
flip
click
UH OH
IT'S ALMOST OVER
snap
YOUR PHONE'S ALWAYS OFF!
I DON'T WANT IT TO INTERRUPT MY SLEEP
THEN WHAT'S THE POINT OF EVEN HAVING ONE?
Haha.
sleep wrinkle

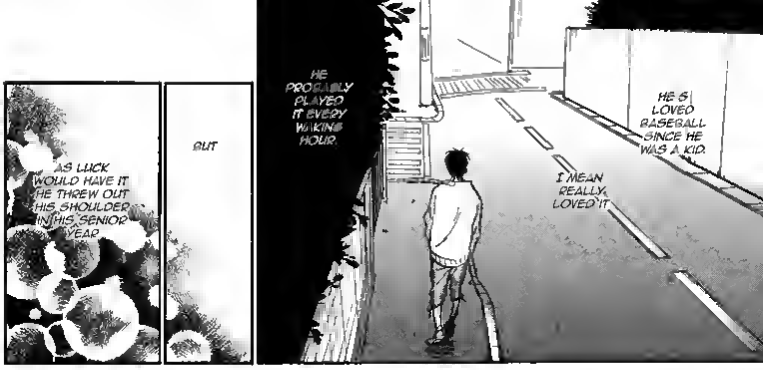
BY THE WAY
NEXT TIME MAKE SURE IT'S GOT SOME JUICE LEFT
WHAT FOR?
I'LL BE CALLING YOU
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHY
JUST MAKE SURE YOU DO IT!
RATTLE

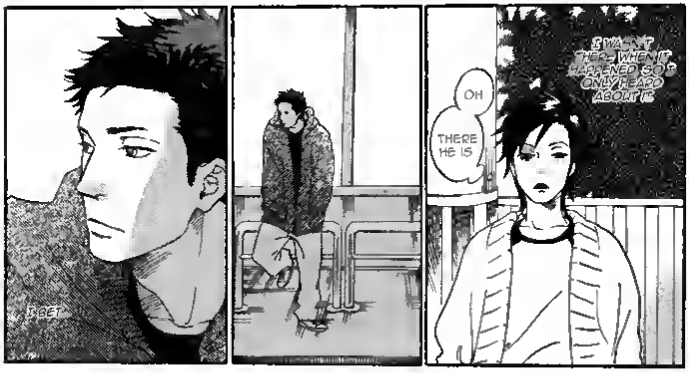
YEAH
LATER
HEY
SEE YOU LATER
YOU'RE ACTUALLY UP, ARATA!
HUH
THIS IS NEW
KAITLE

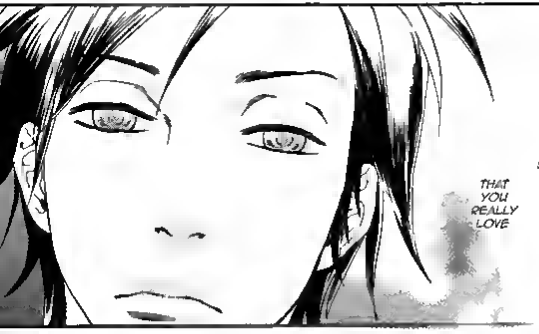
Oops
I fell asleep
Where's Shige?
POW
DING
DONG
DING
DON


RING
RING RING
RING RING
BEEP
HELLO?
!
HUH?
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D ANSWER SO QUICKLY...

SORRY, SORRY
ARATA, YOU THINK YOU COULD SLIP OUT FOR ME?
PFFT!
I EVEN STAYED UP FOR THIS!
*It's only 9pm
YOU DID TELL ME YOU'D BE CALLING
WHAT DO YOU EXPECT?
ALL RIGHT FINE
LOOK WHO'S TALK-ING
I DUNNO THAT SOUNDS LIKE A HASSLE-
I'M THERE NOW
THE CONVEN-IENCE STORE DOWN THE STREET
WHERE TO?
step
SHINGO
PERFECT TIMING! COULD YOU PICK UP SOME SOY SAUCE? THE DARK KIND!
Dark. Got it.
The conven-lence store
ARATA, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
HUH?


HE PROBABLY PLAYED IT EVERY WAKING HOUR.
HE IS LOVED BASEBALL SINCE HE WAS A KID.
I MEAN REALLY, LOVED IT
BUT
AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT HE THREW OUT HIS SHOULDER IN HIS SENIOR YEAR


I WASN'T THERE WHEN IT HAPPENED SO I ONLY HEARD ABOUT IT.
OH
THERE HE IS
I BET


IT SUCKS
TO LOSE SOMETHING
THAT YOU REALLY LOVE

T/N: A reference to Doraemon's 4D pocket, from which he can retrieve all sorts of items.

THEIR SOY SAUCE BOTTLES WERE COVERED IN DUST
MAN...
THIS IS THE LIFE
Just this.
GUESS THEY DON'T SELL TOO MUCH OF THEM
Soy sauce, that is.
They could at least wipe them down!
WHAT IS IT?
SPILL IT!
NOTHING HAHA
C'mon! C'mon!
JUST SAY IT!
Haha!
HUH?
SO?
WHAT'S UP?
HM?
WELL...

WHAT?
HUH?

Y'SEE I LIKE YOU, ARATA.
AND I MEAN AS MORE THAN JUST AS A FRIEND.
WHAT?

SO
DO YOU THINK YOU COULD LIKE ME BACK
OH.
THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO SAY
I GET THE FEELING I'VE SEEN THAT LOOK BEFORE
BUT JUST AS I WAS THINKING THAT...
LATER THEN

SHINGO LEFT TO GO HOME
SEE YOU TOMORROW
Thump
IT'S IN THE ENTRY-WAY
OH!
THANKS!
Thump
Thump
Thump
HUH?
BACK ALREADY ARATA?
DID YOU GET THE SOY SAUCE?
Flop
"DO YOU THINK YOU COULD LIKE ME BACK?"
HOW COULD HE...
JUST SK THAT...

I CAN TALK TO ABOUT THIS
AND THERE'S NO ONE
flop
Aw, maaaaan...
OH!
MAYBE SHIGE CAN HELP!
BEEP
SHIGEEEEE!
LIKE IT'S SO EASY
...
THERE'S NOTHING EASY ABOUT IT

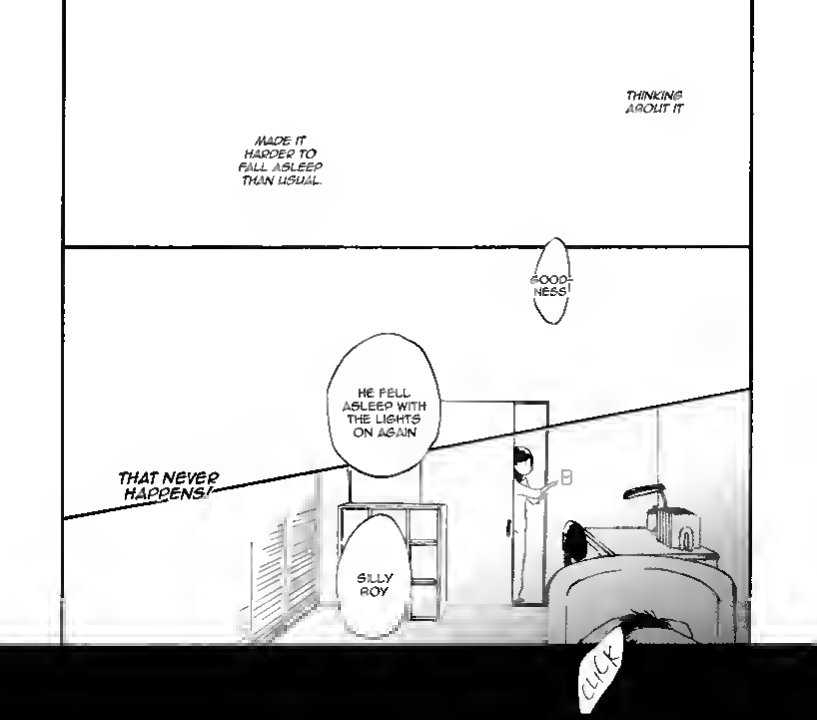
HELLO?
COMING
YEAH
YEAH
VE. E.E.
CREAK
EVERY-THING OKAY?
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO CALL ME SO LATE
SHIGE-♡
My hero!
HM?
.....
SURE
ABOUT THAT-
YOU GOTTA HEAR THIS-
DO YOU THINK IT'S GOING TO BE SUNNY?
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN TELL HIM~!
ABOUT TOMOR-ROW
HUH?! XD

I GUESS IT'S GOING TO BE SUNNY
RATTLE
HAHA! YOU'RE SO WEIRD
THERE'S TONS OF STARS OUT TONIGHT.
STARS?
YEAH.
CAN YOU SEE THEM FROM WHERE YOU ARE?
THE STARS--?
OOH!
IT'LL DEFINITELY BE SUNNY
YUP
THEY'RE SO PRETTY!
SEE?
AWE-SOME!
YOU'RE RIGHT!

HEHEH!
YUP.
IT'LL DEFINITELY BE SUNNY
I FEEL RELIEVED IN A WAY.
I'M GLAD I CALLED HIM.
I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SAY WHAT THE REAL PROBLEM IS, BUT...
YEAH?
NOW THAT I'M RELIEVED,
I'M SLEEPY.
HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH...
HMP! U U
THEN ROLL OUT YOUR FUTON AND GO TO BED!
MM-HM
rustle

THANKS, SHIGE
I LOVE YOU SO MUCH~
YEAH
YEAH
SAVE IT FOR A GIRL, ARATA.
BUT I MEAN IT!
HEY, DON'T GET MAD AT ME!
Haha!
BED-TIME.
OKAY
SLEEP TIGHT!
G'NIGHT!
SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW
YEAH
...
WHEW
SNAP

I WONDER WHY
UNBELIEVABLE
SHINGO LIKES ME
WHEN I'M NOT EVEN A GIRL
THAT REMINDS ME
I DON'T THINK EVER HEARD ABOUT
SHIGE LIKING SOMEONE



MAYBE IT'LL RAIN TOMORROW.

HAHA.

END

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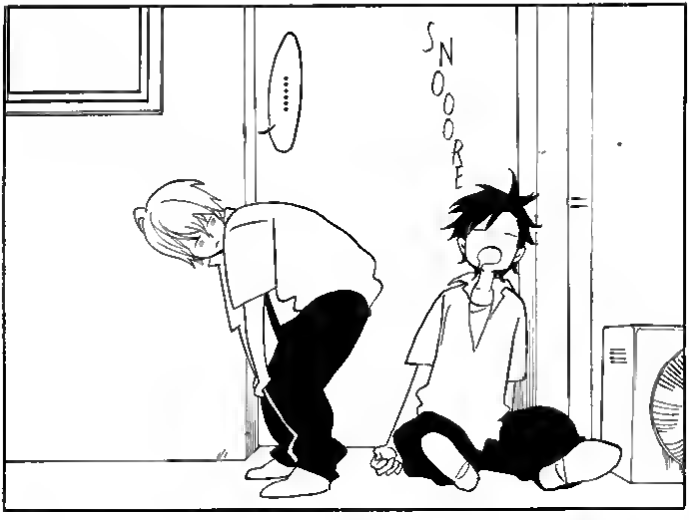
EXTRA

CHIRR
CHIRR
CHIRR
CHIRR
HOT
I hate walking into class late
Phew...
GUESS I SHOULD KILL SOME TIME UNTIL IT'S OVER
WELL I WON'T MAKE IT TO HOME-ROOM AT THIS POINT
SOME-WHERE COOL.
SLUFF

HMM
WHOA.
STU
MBLE
?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SNOORE

ISN'T HE THE SAME CLASS AS ME?
"TSUCHIYA," I THINK
hnnhhble

I'll just sit here.
Re—
OUT OF VIEW
THIS IS A NICE SPOT
CHILL
Amazing!
How is this spot so cool?

Zzz
Zzz
WHAT A STRANGE GUY
I FOUND HIM HERE LIKE SOME KIND OF A CAT
.....

AH-
-choo!
sneeze

YUP
...
YOU PLAYIN' HOOKY?
?
...
PL UNK
Zzz.
Heheh
Naughty kid.
THROB
AND SO BEGAN THEIR LOVE
How it was.
The End.

There aren't any teachers here.
That was fast.
Yippee!
All finished, sensei!

Thank you for reading!

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I hope you liked at least one of the characters!

2010年 夏
Summer

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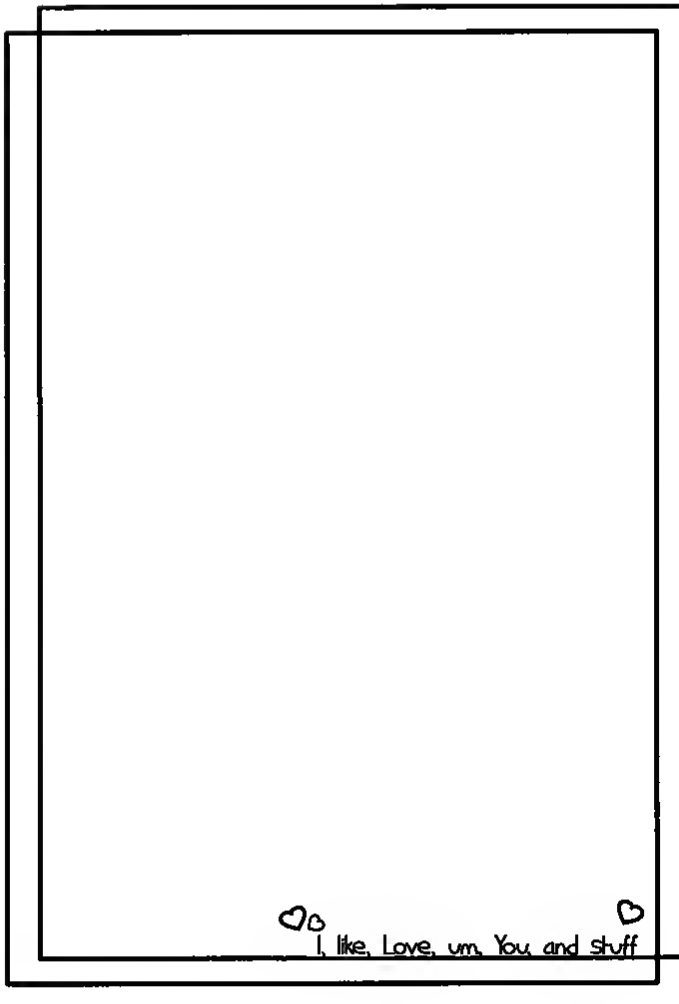
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